GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:540
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FRESH PEACE EFFORTS IN JAMMU KASHMIR
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are making some fresh efforts to begin peace process in Jammu & Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the response of militant groups/civilians thereto;

(d) whether the Government have also received some reports from the Incharge of the Defence Forces posted in Jammu and Kashmir in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)&(b): Shri K.C. Pant, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission has been nominated by the Government for holding political dialogue, with all sections of the people of the State of Jammu & Kashmir, with a view to promote a vigorous movement towards establishment of peace and tranquility.

(c): People have welcomed the step taken by the Government. However there has not been any positive response from the militant groups so far.

(d)&(e): Army Headquarters have been consulted at all stages of the Non Initiation of Combat Operations. Inputs from the local formations of the Army are received by the government on a regular basis. The Army is in full agreement with the Government policy on peace process.